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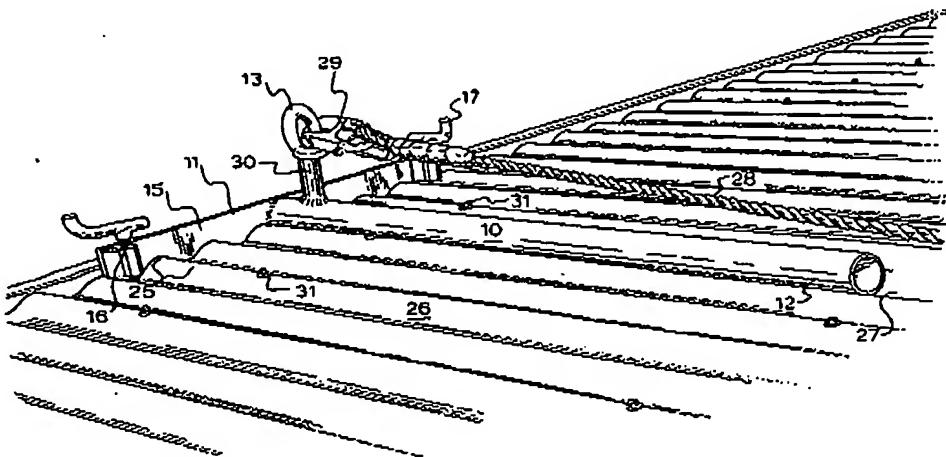
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This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

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None of the figures

**Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)**

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI +keywords: roof, anchor, clamp and similar terms

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	AU 99/23804 B3 (DONOHUE et al) 4 November 1999 Abstract and figures	1-29, 33, 34
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